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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : Takumi Okaue et al.  
 Serial No. : 09/467,221  
 Filed : December 20, 1999  
 For : EXTERNAL STORAGE APPARATUS AND CONTROL  
 APPARATUS THEREOF, AND DATA TRANSMISSION  
 RECEPTION APPARATUS  
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**Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment**  
**Commissioner for Patents**  
**P.O. Box 1450**  
**Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- No additional fee is required.  
 The fee has been calculated as shown below.  
 This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

**Claims as Amended**

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total claims	6	Minus	** = 20	* 0 x	\$18 (9)	= \$ 0.00
Independent claims	2	Minus	*** = 3	* 0 x	\$84 (42)	= \$ 0.00
Total additional fee for this amendment						\$ 0.00

\* If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.

\*\* If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.

\*\*\* If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

- This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$280(140) has been previously paid , or is paid herewith .
- This response is being filed within the \_\_\_\_\_ month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.
- A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is attached, which covers the cost of  additional claims \_\_\_\_\_ petition for extension of time.
- Charge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.
- Please charge any additional fees incurred by reason of this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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Respectfully submitted,

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